

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure. The Examiner rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner rejected Claims 1 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Barlow reference (US 6,038,551) in view of official notice. The Examiner allowed Claim 20.

Applicants have amended the "Abstract of the Disclosure". Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 to 19, without prejudice. Consequently, only allowed Claim 20 remains in the Application.

OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure. As shown above, Applicants have amended the "Abstract of the Disclosure" to conform with the Examiner's notice.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 19

The Examiner rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As shown above, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 to 19, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 19 is now moot in the present Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 TO 19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the Barlow reference (US 6,038,551) in view of official notice.

As shown above, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1 to 19, without prejudice. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1 to 19 is now moot in the present Application.

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ALLOWED CLAIM 20

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The Examiner allowed Claim 20. Applicants have not amended Claim 20 since it was allowed. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner allow Claim 20 to issue

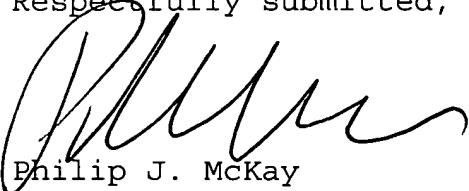
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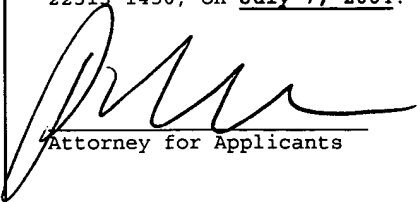
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

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